

**Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes  
September 8, 2020**

Chairman John Berends called this regular meeting of the Yellow Medicine County Board to order at 9:00 a.m. with Commissioners Greg Renneke, Glen Kack, Ron Antony and Gary Johnson also present (via teleconference). Also present were County Administrator Angie Steinbach, County Attorney Keith Helgeson (via teleconference), Finance and Administration Deputy Ashley Soine (via teleconference) and Advocate Tribune reporter Jess Gorman (via teleconference). Due to the current federal and state emergency declarations and guidance about limiting person-to-person contact due to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic, the September 8, 2020 meeting of the Yellow Medicine County Commissioners was conducted in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 13D.021 – Meetings by Telephone or Other Electronic Means.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approve Agenda 09-08-20-01** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to approve the agenda. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Consent Agenda 09-08-20-02** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve the consent agenda items as follows: August 25, 2020 County Board meeting minutes; approval of CARES funds for: secure door access and cameras for Clarkfield offices, Countryside Public Health request, permanent drop boxes at county locations, Mobile Field Force equipment, Carpet Cleaner and Pressure Washer; Budget Amendment form; US Commercial Fleet Card- termination of account; resignation of Don Mock, Parks Coordinator/Equipment Operator; replacement of Parks Coordinator/Equipment Operator; Paape Companies Continuum Software/USB Key Upgrade to the Justice Center; Summit Fire Protection Inspection Service Agreement. Motion carried with Commissioner Antony, Kack, Renneke and Berends voting in favor and Commissioner Johnson voting against.

**Citizen Comments** None

**Commissioners' Report** Commissioner Antony reported on JD 39, JD 91, Minnesota Valley Regional Railroad Authority, Personnel Committee and Emergency Communication Board. Commissioner Renneke reported on JD 39, JD 91 and Personnel Committee. Commissioner Kack reported on Food Distribution meeting and Area II/RCRCA. Commissioner Johnson reported on Food Distribution meeting, Upper Minnesota Valley Regional Development Commission, 6W Community Corrections and Prairie Lakes. Commissioner Berends reported on Yellow Stone Trail and PrimeWest.

Administrator Steinbach's report included meetings attended, current projects being worked on and future meetings to attend. Administrator Steinbach's report is included in the Board packet.

**Parks Committee 09-08-20-03** Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Kack to appoint Commissioner Kack to the Parks Committee (replace Commissioner Johnson). Motion failed with Commissioner Johnson and Kack voting in favor and Commissioner Antony and Berends voting against. Commissioner Renneke abstained from voting.

**Parks Committee 09-08-20-04** Motion by Commissioner Renneke and seconded by Commissioner Kack to appoint Commissioner Antony to the Parks Committee (replace Commissioner Johnson). Motion carried with Commissioner Renneke, Kack, Antony and Berends voting in favor and Commissioner Johnson voting against.

**Approval of Disbursements/Review Auditor's Warrants 09-08-20-05** Motion by Commissioner Kack and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to approve the commissioner warrants for the following amounts: \$71,572.67 Ditch Fund, \$33,586.94 Revenue Fund, \$94,477.43 Road & Bridge Fund, \$37,797.78 Human Services Fund; and acknowledged review of the Auditor's warrants. An itemized listing of all warrants over \$2,000 and an aggregate total for warrants under \$2,000 are published on the County website under the Finance & Administration Department. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

### **Regular Agenda**

Chris Balfany, Land and Resource Management, gave an update.

Jason Swanson, Minnesota River Area Agency on Aging, Inc., gave a presentation.

The board recessed for break at 10:22 a.m.

The board reconvened at 10:35 a.m.

Andy Sander and Jeff Bush, Highway Department, gave an update.

**S.A.P. 087-609-011 Bids 09-08-20-06** Motion by Commissioner Kack and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the low bid from R & G Construction in the amount of \$1,042,922.72 for S.A.P. 087-609-011 (CSAH 9). Two other bids were received. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Right of Way Payments for SAP 087-609-011 09-08-20-07** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve the Right of Way Payments for S.A.P. 087-609-011 in the amount of \$39,882.18. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**S.A.P. 087-619-005 09-08-20-08** Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to approve the low bid from Otter Electric, LLC in the amount of \$14,064 for S.A.P. 087-619-005 (lights at TH 212 and CSAH 19). One other bid was received. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**State Auction Bid 09-08-20-09** Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Antony to authorize County Engineer Sander to put a bid on a SNOGO MP-3D Snowblower on the state auction site for up to \$20,000. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Subordination of AgBMP Assessment Lien 09-08-20-10** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve subordination of AgBMP assessment lien to new mortgage by Freedom Mortgage Corporation for Brian Rosenau Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**CARES Funds 09-08-20-11** Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the maximum allowed amount for the second round of CARES Funds at \$20,000. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Administrator Steinbach and Finance Manager Lacey Rigge discussed the 2021 budget.

The board discussed future board meetings and decided to continue with the virtual meeting option at this time for regular meetings.

Administrator Steinbach discussed upcoming interviews for the Finance Manager position. The consensus was to have the Personnel Committee be involved in interviews.

**Other Business** None

**Informational** None

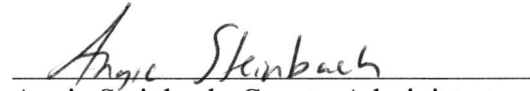
**Review of Upcoming Meetings and Events** The Board reviewed upcoming meetings and events.

**Adjourn 09-08-20-12** Motion by Commissioner Renneke and seconded by Commissioner Antony to adjourn at 12:18 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Witness:

  
John Berends, Chair

Attest:

  
Angie Steinbach, County Administrator